



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, March 27, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner
Cmdr. Jan Johnson
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Lt. Anthony Topp
Lt. Donna Jarvis
Sgt. Elaine Miles
Sgt. Stephanie Smith
Sgt. Brian Harris
Sgt. Dale Seaton
Sgt. Daran Carey
Sgt. Stephanie Shackelford
PO Sophia Nelms
Atty. Grant Ha

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Leslie Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Atty. John Golpaugh
LaWanda Hail-Ruffin
Edward Moore

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, March 27, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, March 20, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

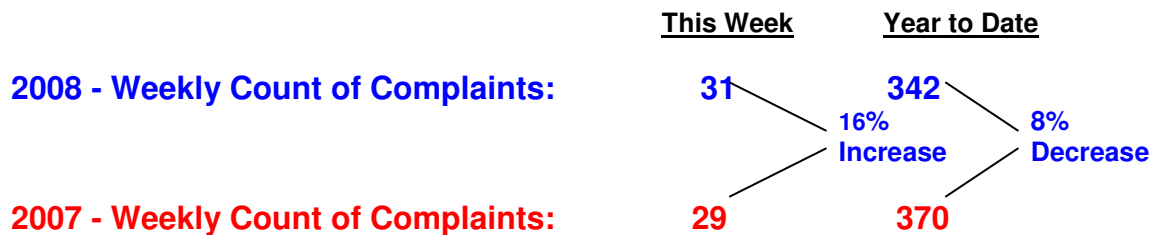
4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY REPORT

Exec Dir Goss stated there are several suspensions and the officers have requested a closed door session.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,391 active investigations, of which 323 of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 03/27/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
3	CENTRAL			1			2			1	4
5	COMMUNICATIONS		4							1	5
2	EASTERN		2								2
4	NORTHWESTERN		1				2			2	5
3	SOUTHWESTERN		2				1			2	5
2	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT		1		1		1				3
8	Unknown Command		7				2	1		1	11
1	VIOLENT CRIMES				1		1		1		3
3	WESTERN		3				2				5
31			20	1	2		11	1	1	7	43

Comm. Holley stated for clarification, suspensions don't have to be read on record.

Exec Dir Goss stated not for a closed-door session.

Comm. Holley asked how can you have something on the agenda for a closed session and not read it.

Exec Dir Goss stated even though it is part of the secretary's report, it violates the rights of the party who asked for a closed-door session.

Comm. Holley asked the public doesn't have a right to know.

Exec Dir Goss stated the officer's name will be given during the reading of the MCL.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it will be read into the record after oral communications.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, April 3, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien Room 328-A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of March 17, 2008 through March 27, 2008, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 28 search warrants and 21 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 34 Felony arrests
- 89 Misdemeanor arrests
- 4 Juveniles

Confiscated:

- 138,179.60 grams of cocaine, 59.9 grams of heroin, 1,706.50 grams of marijuana, and 104 pills, with a total street value of \$55,387,526.00.
- **\$ 12,074.00** in U.S. Currency
- 17 Handguns

Domestic Violence

On March 18th, officers of the Eastern District responded to St. John Hospital on an “Assault Report”, which resulted in an arrest. *The subsequent investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence resulted in the subject being charged with “Vulnerable Adult Abuse 1st degree”, “Felony Assault”, “Aggravated Domestic Violence”, and “Domestic Violence”.*

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Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Homicide	2	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Northeastern District	2	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
Northwestern District	2	12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

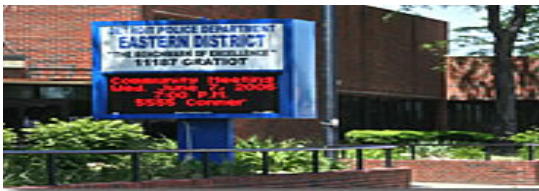
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Police / Community Intervention

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Eastern District

On March 19th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 11000 block of Promenade on a "Home Invasion II." *Due to the officers quick response and investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Home Invasion 2nd Degree" and "Habitual 2nd."*



Homicide

An investigation conducted by Child Abuse resulted in the discovery of a child's remains in the ceiling of a home in the 15000 block of Lappin. *On March 19th, two subjects were charged with "Felony Murder", "First Degree Child Abuse", "Involuntary Manslaughter", "Disinterment & Mutilation", and two counts of "Welfare Fraud". A third subject was charged with two counts of "Welfare Fraud" and "Failure to Inform."*

Northeastern District

On March 18th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the area of East Seven Mile and Chrysler on a "Carjacking Just Happened." *As a result of the officers investigation, a handgun was recovered and two subjects were arrested. One subject was charged with "Carjacking", "Fleeing & Eluding", "Felony Assault", "Malicious Destruction of Property", and "Felony Firearm." The other subject was charged with "Carjacking", "Felon in Possession", "Felony Firearm", and Habitual Offender 4th."*

Central District

On March 19th, an officer of the Central District, who was assigned to an employee strike in the area of Holbrook and Chrysler, observed a vehicle drive on the sidewalk and attempt to go around stalled traffic and hit one of the strikers. *The subject was arrested and charged with "Failure to Stop Causing Personal Injury", "Reckless Driving", and "Driving While License Suspended."*



Northwestern District

On March 20th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 19000 block of Greenfield on a "Robbery Armed Just Happened." *Due to the officers quick response, a subject was arrested and subsequently charged with three counts of "Armed Robbery", "Possession of Stolen Financial Transaction Device", and "Habitual 3rd Offense."*

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she wanted to make sure that the Commissioners received the presentation that she made to City Council.

Chairperson Ramirez stated yes, they did.

Chief Bully-Cummings she stated that a new class of 28 recruits started today; and they are working very hard, with the assistance of Dir. Ducker, to hire and put as many people as they can into the academy.

They received a number of complaints regarding drug trafficking in the high rise Brewster Project and a raid was done that resulted in a substantial amount of arrests.

She introduced Sgt. Seaton of the Domestic Violence Department.

(Atty. Hooks entered the room.)

Sgt. Seaton introduced his staff, and gave a brief overview of the primary functions of the Domestic Violence Department. The Department consists of several units and details.

SEE ATTACHMENT

Chairperson Ramirez asked how many officers are there in Domestic Violence.

Sgt. Seaton stated there are 22 sworn officers.

Chairperson Ramirez asked do all 22 officers work on cases.

Sgt. Seaton stated about 13 of them work on cases. The 22 officers include the entire unit, but there are others that are assigned to help them.

Comm. Holley asked where are you located.

Sgt. Seaton stated they are citywide.

Comm. Holley stated you only have one prosecutor, so how can you be citywide.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated they don't give out the location of Domestic Violence to the general public for the safety of the victims.

Comm. Holley stated okay.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated they can tell him after the meeting where the location is.

Comm. Holley stated there is a location.

Sgt. Seaton stated yes.

Comm. Holley stated and that's where the prosecutor is located.

Sgt. Seaton stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is there a safe house for men.

Sgt. Seaton stated not that he's aware of.

Comm. Holley asked is there a pattern that shows that women are becoming the aggressor.

Sgt. Seaton stated yes and they are fighting back.

Comm. Holley stated not so much fighting back.

Chairperson Ramirez stated are there cases where women are the abuser.

Sgt. Seaton stated what he means about fighting back is that there is a mind set now where more women are arrested for domestic violence.

Chairperson Ramirez asked if there's an arrest, who does the follow-up with giving the information to the victim.

Sgt. Seaton stated it is given to the social worker along with the other services that they need.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how many social workers do you have.

Sgt. Seaton stated there are four (4) social workers.

Comm. Griffin asked if there is data available that profiles where the domestic violence stems from.

Sgt. Seaton stated they don't gather that kind of data, but the happenings in our community, such as unemployment, people being released from prison has a direct effect on domestic violence.

Comm. Griffin stated the social workers are usually trained on those kinds of things, such as the Michigan Re-entry Initiative Program. This is something you might want to look into since you know that people are going to be released back into the community.

Sgt. Miles stated they have started a database by putting all types of information in it that will help them to keep track of this type of information.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated they try to collect certain types of information to assist people and to make sure that information isn't gathered to profile them. By collecting this information, they can better assist them.

Comm. Hampton asked are the cell phones in the packages offered to seniors or just the victims.

Sgt. Seaton stated they are for stalking victims.

Sgt. Miles stated they will be offering packages from the grant money, and this will be for those stalking victims who may not have the necessary resources.

Comm. Holley asked where the grant comes from.

Sgt. Miles stated it was a grant that Sgt. Wilson applied for.

Sgt. Seaton stated it was part of a large grant.

Comm. Holley stated so you peeled off a piece from that grant.

Sgt. Seaton stated yes.

Sgt. Miles stated they are in the process of putting those packages together.

Comm. Holley asked if you had a wish list of money, what would that wish be.

Sgt. Miles stated \$2,000 is a way to get them started, but if they could start off with 200 that will be great.

Comm. Holley stated 200 packages.

Sgt. Miles stated yes.

Comm. Holley asked how much will that cost. That will be a big plus if you could find the money to pay for them.

Sgt. Miles stated to answer your previous question, they tend to see that the males are the aggressor, but there is a 20% increase in women being the aggressor. The reason there may not be any male shelters is because the kids are usually with the female. A male will normally go to a friend's house, but you will have to find a place for the woman and her children. A lot of the families consist of four and five kids so even the shelter is too small to accommodate them. Now they are looking into renting apartments or houses for them.

Comm. Holley stated he has been on this Board for three years and he is amazed at all the work that the officers do besides police work and no one really knows about everything that you do. The Board really appreciates all the work that you do. He thanked them on behalf of this Board and the citizens of Detroit.

Chairperson Ramirez asked during your tracking, is there a District that has a high rate of domestic violence.

Sgt. Miles stated yes, Northwestern and Southwestern Districts because they are the two largest Districts.

Sgt. Seaton stated they just finished a grant of the dating relationships, which are more prevalent in those areas.

Chairperson Ramirez stated you are doing prevention in those areas.

Sgt. Miles stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez stated not only your department, but everyone has to work together and reach out to other agencies in that area.

Sgt. Miles stated they are working with them.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that's wonderful.

Comm. Hampton asked to know if the majority of the cases were marriages or relationships.

Sgt. Miles stated a lot of them are dating relationships, living together or have kids together. But in Southwest and Northwest, the grant was for dating only because the numbers were phenomenal.

Chairperson Ramirez stated your unit is excellent and it needs to be advertised for the great work that you do, as Comm. Holley stated. They don't hear about the great work you do, so you have to find a way to get that out.

She stated she is aware that they need more manpower.

She stated by trade, she is a social worker, and asked from the time a social worker receives a case, how long they have to file a compliant.

Sgt. Miles stated that actually becomes their complaint and they have to investigate it.

Chairperson Ramirez asked when the social worker refers the case out, when does it stop for that social worker.

Sgt. Miles stated it doesn't stop; and that social worker will continue to do follow-up work on that case.

Chairperson Ramirez stated you have four social workers.

Sgt. Miles stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the victims usually form a bond with that social worker because they are the first one they come in contact with.

Sgt. Miles stated a lot of the social workers can get the victims to talk about things that they will not tell the prosecutor.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she is aware that they work closely with Lavita through the Chass Center.

Sgt. Miles stated yes.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Ramirez stated as Chairperson of the Complaint Subcommittee, she made a visit to OCI and spoke with Chief Investigator Arnold Sheard and found out there is an opening for civilian Investigator, an investigator left and that position will need to be filled. The Personnel Subcommittee will be working with Mr. Sheard as resumes come in, as well as those that are on file.

Comm. Holley asked didn't some people get laid off from OCI.

Chairperson Ramirez and Exec Dir Goss stated that had been resolved.

Comm. Holley asked when the Board will receive an update on the Union negotiations.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she will ask the Personnel Subcommittee for an update.

The Executive Director and staff will be in the process of interviewing for an investigator.

Comm. Hampton stated for clarification they are accepting resumes.

Chairperson Ramirez stated yes, including those they have on file.

She stated on a sad note, the Board's attorney/supervisor will be leaving and that position will be posted so the Personnel Subcommittee can be involved. Hopefully, that person can come on board before Atty. Hooks leaves so they can be trained. Her targeted date to leave is June.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 3, 2008, @3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

Comm. Holley asked can the Board receive a 2008 presentation for Comm. Griffin.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Exec Dir. Goss if the Board can get an update list of the executive commands and their unit.

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

E. Moore stated to the Board and the Chief that Councilman Kenyetta sends his greetings and his door is always open.

Chairperson Ramirez stated a request has been made by PO Delvecchio Thompson, Badge 4243, PO Eric Smith, Badge 3930, PO Peter Padron, Badge 1143, and PO Alesada Colon, Badge 373, and she moved that the Board of Police Commissioners conduct a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15. 268(a) of the Open Meeting Act, to consider personnel matters relative to these officers.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Ramirez stated with the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

They went into closed session at 3:52 pm.

They returned from closed session at 5:19 pm.

Exec Dir. Goss stated the Chief is requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Police Officer Delvecchio Thompson without pay, effective March 27, 2008.

Unless **contravened** by this Board the suspension without pay shall stand.

There were no contraventions.

Exec Dir. Goss stated the Chief is requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Police Officer Eric Smith, Badge 3930, without pay, effective March 27, 2008.

Unless **contravened** by this Board the suspension without pay shall stand.

There were no contraventions.

Exec Dir. Goss stated the Chief is requesting your concurrence with the suspension of Police Officer Peter Padron, Badge 1143, without pay, effective March 27, 2008.

Unless **contravened** by this Board the suspension without pay shall stand.

There were no contraventions.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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